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1. The Non-Ferrous and Rare Metals Company¹, which was established at Kuldja (81-14, 43-55) on 27 March 1950, moved to Urumchi (87-35, 43-48) on 9 July 1952.
2. In July 1952 HSI Chung-hsup², second secretary of the Northwest Politburo, and CHIA T'o-fu³, vice chairman of the Committee of Finance and Economics of the Northwest Military and Administrative Committee, inspected the company at its new site and held a meeting there. The meeting was attended by WANG Chen⁴, commander of the Sinkiang Military District, Ti-mi-yang-no-fu⁵ (0966/4717/2254/6179/1133), Soviet Consul General in Urumchi, and K'o-liu-k'o-wen⁶ (0344/3966/0668/?), Soviet trade representative in Urumchi.
3. This company will begin an expansion of plant and equipment in 1953. At the same time it will undertake a geological survey in Sinkiang Province to determine whether new mines can be opened there.

1. Comment. a Chinese Communist - USSR agreement of 27 March 1950 to establish the Sino-Soviet Colored and Rare Metals Joint Stock Corporation. It added that, subsequent to the agreement, various colored metal mines had been established. According to a New China News Agency release from Urumchi of 2 October 1950, negotiations on the organizational regulations and by-laws of the Non-Ferrous and Rare Metals Company had been held in September 1950 in Urumchi.

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A formal agreement was signed on 29 September 1950, and the company started operations under joint Sino-Soviet auspices. Previous reports on the location of the company's office have mentioned both Kuldja [] and Urunchi []

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4. [] Comment. WANG Chen was reported [] as acting commander, Northwest military area, in November 1951.

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5. [] Comment. According to available information the Soviet Consul General in Urunchi in January 1952 was named Baminev.

6. [] Comment. According to available information of 1950 a Kolekov was a member of the board of directors of the Sino-Soviet Friendship Association in Urunchi. It is not impossible that these are the same men. No character was supplied for the fourth syllable of his name.

7. [] Comment. [] in late June and early July 1952 about 50 Soviet technicians arrived in Lanchou (103-41, 36-03) by plane from Sinkiang and that they planned individual inspection trips through the Northwest.

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